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SUBJ: FUTURE OF US MEMBERSHIP IN PAN AMERICAN RAILWAY CONGRESS
ASSOCIATION (PARCA)

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1. EMBOFF INFORMALLY ADVISED PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF PERMANENT COMMISSION OF PARCA OF US INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM ORRGANIZATION IF NO FIRM DECISION TAKEN BY JULY 15 REGARDING NEXT CONGRESS. THEY HAD ANTICIPATED THIS DECISION, AND SEEMED RESIGNED TO INEVITABILITY OF US WITHDRAWAL, WHICH THEY EXPECT WILL LEAD TO SIMILAR ACTIONS BY OTHER MEMBERS AND EVENTUAL DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION. THEY ACCEPTED ARGUMENT THAT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CONGRESSES ARE A MAJOR PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION AND THAT FAILURE TO HOLD SUCH CONGRESSES LEAVES LITTLE REASONS FOR MEMBERS TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT. PRESIENT WILL CALL MEETING OF FULL PERMANENT COMMISSION IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO ADVISE IT OF US DECISION.

2. PRESIDENT AND SECGEN PERSONALLY SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY THAT FIRM DECISION OR EVEN SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD NEXT CONGRESS CAN BE MADE BY JULY 15 IN ABSENCE OF OFFER BY ANY MEMBER GOVERNMENT TO HOST NEXT CONGRESS. THEY MET WITH GOA SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT IN MID APRIL TO REQUEST THAT GOA CLARIFY ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS PARCA AND ALAF BUT RECEIVED NO RESPONSE. THEY INTEND TO MEET AGAIN WITH SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT ADVISING
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HIM OF US DECISION BUT SEE LITTLE POSSIBILITY THAT GOA WILL

MAKE ANY DECISION, MUCH LESS AGREE TO HOST CONGRESS. IT
GENERALLY AGREED THT PARCA-ALAF MERGER IS ALL BUT DEAD AS
ALAF SHOWS NO INTEREST IN SUCH A MERGER.

3. EMBASSY WILL ALSO INFORMALLY ADVISE GOA OF POSSIBILITY OF
US WITHDRAWAL. WE ASSUME THAT USG WILL MAKE CY 74 ANNUAL
CONTRIBUTION TO ORGANIZATION IN ANY CASE.
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